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Applicants: Vought and Flowers

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**REMARKS - General**

1. The Notice of Allowance and Fees Due, and the Separate Notice of Allowability [Office Action or OA] did not indicate that there was any problem with the Brief Description of the Figures; an Amended Brief Description of the Figures is included to correct a clerical mistake, and to ensure compliance with MPEP Sec. 608.01(f).
2. A set of Replacement Drawings is included herein to conform to the original drawings, now formalized, and as described in the previously submitted (and allowed) claims. This set of Replacement Drawings also corresponds to the Amended Brief Description of the Figures submitted herein.
3. Applicants amend certain parts of the specification for clarification and not for matters of substance. The previous reference to "tying" was incorrect and should have been tv-ing, short for television viewing. The change is reflected for clarity.
4. Applicants amend certain parts of the specification for clarification and not for matters of substance. The previous reference to eyeholes is short for bolt holes as shown. The change is reflected for clarity.
5. Applicants accept the Patent Term Adjustment of 52 days.
6. The changes requested herein are not matters of substance and should require very little consideration by the examiner.
7. Applicants solicit allowance of all of their claims and issuance of the patent.

**CONCLUSION**

For all of the above reasons, Applicants submit that the specification, drawings, description of drawings, and claims are now in proper form, and that the claims all define patentably over the referenced art. No new matter is submitted. Therefore, they submit that this application is now in condition for

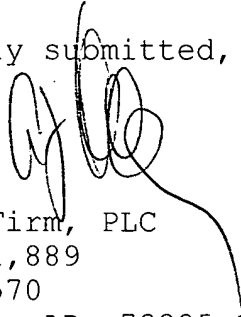
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allowance and issuance of the patent, which actions they respectfully solicit.

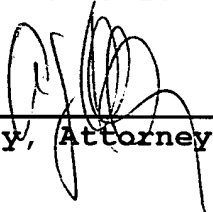
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I hereby certify that this Amendment B, Response to Notice of Allowance and Fees Due, and Response to Notice of Allowability, return postcard, Amended Brief Description of Figures, as well as annotated, formal, Amended Drawings (8 pages), and a check for the issue fee of \$700.00, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service via United States Express Mail in an envelope, tracking number ED 199 328 106 US addressed to: Mail Stop - Issue Fee, Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450, on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2006.



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